

REMARKS

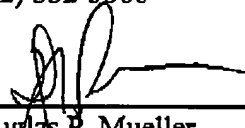
Favorable reconsideration of this application is requested. Claims 2-9 are pending. Claim 1 has been canceled without prejudice. Claims 2, 6, and 9 have been rewritten in independent form. An editorial correction has been made in claim 8, which addresses the objection to claim 8. As claims 2, 6, and 9 were indicated to be allowable, the rejection over Yamasaki is rendered moot. Applicants are not conceding the correctness of the rejection. Favorable reconsideration in the form of a Notice of Allowance is requested.



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